

## News Release

# High School Students from Norman County East to Experience a Day in College Life during visit to U of M Crookston

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Students from Norman County East (NCE), a high school serving students in Gary and Twin Valley, Minn., will experience college life firsthand during a visit to the University of Minnesota, Crookston on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

The students in the NCE 10th grade life skills class will attend a class in the Business Department, learn about sustainability initiatives, and have an opportunity to experience virtual reality in the new Informatics Lab on the campus. Along with a campus tour and lunch in the dining hall, these high school students will leave campus with a glimpse into collegiate life.

The campus visit is the result of a Ramp Up to Readiness grant collaborated through the Center for Adult Learning on the Crookston campus and written by Jolee Habadank, a counselor from Norman County East.

"We want students to experience a college or university campus at a younger age. Doing so may bridge the gap and spark their intentions proving they can maneuver and succeed in a college environment," says Christopherson. "This visit will give students a chance to see, do and be a college student for a day, our hope is that they discover areas of study that may interest them and help them refine their career goals and get more involved."

This year at NCE, ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students will visit the different types of campuses; two and four year, to help them make informed decisions about what type of post-secondary schools will be best for them. At each of the institutions, students learn about opportunities available, admissions requirements, and the application process.

The purpose of the Ramp Up to Readiness program is to help University colleges, departments and offices launch new or enhance existing partnerships with preK-12 schools and systems to increase the number and diversity of students who graduate with the knowledge, skills, and habits for success in higher education. To learn more, visit [www.rampuptoreadiness.org](http://www.rampuptoreadiness.org).

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

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